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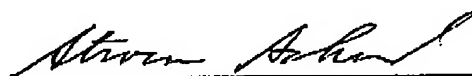
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Confirmation of the Election is given on page 2.

The specification has been amended beginning on page 3.

The listing of claims including amended claims begins on page 4.

Applicant's remarks begin on page 11.

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY****CONFIRMATION OF THE ELECTION**

Applicant confirms the election without traverse of Group I including claims 1-40 and 53-56 and of the Species illustrated in Figures 18b and 19. Applicant submits that claims 1-23, 26-33, 36-38 and 53-56 pertain to the elected group and species and should therefore be examined in this application. Independent claims 1, 36 and 53 are deemed to be generic to the noted species.

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